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For: NON-RECIRCULATING CONICAL FLUID
DYNAMIC BEARING FOR AN ELECTRIC
MOTOR

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Advisory Action of December 11, 2006 (Part of Paper No. 20061207), for which a response was due on December 29, 2006. Filed herewith is a petition and the fee for a one (1) month extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.